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PERFORMANCE OF PHARMA SECTOR
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government have taken fresh initiatives to boost the performance of pharma sector on the pattern of Information Technology sector attracting Foreign Direct Investment in the production and R&D activities and promoting joint venture with USA to secure dominant role in the global market;

(b): if so, the details thereof; (c) : the details of action taken to upgrade educational institutions in pharmacy to international standards in collaboration with USA; and

(d): the time bound agenda for action for fresh policy reforms in this sector during 2000-2001?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE)

(a)&(b): With a view to attract foreign investors to invest more in the drugs and pharmaceutical sector, the Government has increased the limit of foreign investment through the automatic route, from 51% to 74% in case of bulk drugs, their intermediates and formulations.

(c)&(d): The Government of India has set up the National Institute ofPharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), the first national level institute in pharmaceutical sciences with proclaimed objectives of becoming a center of excellence for advanced studies and research in pharmaceutical sciences. NIPER offers various postgraduate programmes i.e.,M.S.(Pharma), M.Pharma & M.Tech.(Pharma) & PHD Programmes having interdisciplinary approach with emphasis on drug discovery and development.